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Army's 1st BCD creates a common operating picture during Joint Expeditionary Forces Experiment

By Lt. Col. Rick Spearman

1st Battlefield Coordination Detachment

HURLBRT FIELD, Fla. - It's early in the battle and Coalition forces are poised to defend their ally after a neighboring country invaded its territorial border. Coalition ground forces are outnumbered about 4-to-1 as U.S. ground forces deploy into the country in preparation to join the fight. In the meantime, coalition airpower is busy taking a heavy-duty fight to the enemy that they won't soon forget.

All that's left is to coordinate these activities to ensure the best and most lethal of our military forces are directed at the enemy on target and on time without hurting friendly forces, duplicating efforts or wasting resources.

In the fast paced execution of scenarios such as the one described above, someone has to represent the interests of the Ground Component Commander to see that the air campaign and the ground maneuver efforts are fully synchronized. The Army's 1st Battlefield Coordination Detachment ensures this is accomplished.

This 32-person organization works in the Air Operations Center to help synchronize air and ground efforts during combat operations. They do this by coordinating the Army's requests for targets in support of what they're doing on the ground, and exchange intelligence information to help all the air components keep track of the effects they have on the enemy," said Maj. Skip Surette, 1st BCD airlift officer.

"This is no easy task, especially as the pace

of combat operations increases, our equipment gets more sophisticated, and technology grows by leaps and bounds."

The 1st BCD's mission in this year's Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment, Aug. 18 to Sept. 3, was to help assess the effectiveness of tools which were designed to increase the interoperability between services and speed up the synchronization of joint targeting, said Surette.

JEFX involved more than 3,100 people from all the services and was conducted at Hurlburt Field, Fla., Langley Air Force Base, Va., and Nellis AFB, Nev. The experiment was designed to improve the Expeditionary Aerospace Force of the future.

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On the cover

A production-model MV-22 Osprey sits on display at the River Entrance parade ground Wednesday as part of a Department of Defense Tiltrotor Technology Presentation. The Osprey will provide the DoD with a multi-mission, multi-service versatility and capability for a wide range of contingencies. It can carry 24 combat-equipped people or a 15,000 pound external load, and has a 2,100 nautical mile range with a single refueling. In a vertical position, the engine blades allow the aircraft to operate like a helicopter during landing and takeoffs. Once airborne, the engine blades rotate forward 90 degrees converting the V-22 into a high-speed, high-altitude, fuel-efficient turboprop aircraft. Current plans call for the Marine Corps to field 360 MV-22s, the Air Force to buy 50 Ospreys for special operations, and the Navy to acquire 48 for combat search and rescue and special warfare and logistics support. Photo by Tech Sgt. Anne Proctor.

The 1st BCD's assessment was done with the Joint Interoperability initiative, through the efforts of the Joint Precision Strike Demonstration Project Office, the Command and Control Training and Innovation Group and Electronic Systems Center and was supported by the 18th Airborne Corps and the Deep Operations Coordination Cell, the major said.

JPSD was responsible for execution of the Theater Precision Strike Operations Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration to provide the Commander in Chief of the United Nations Command and his component commanders detailed and timely visibility of their battlespace, Surette said. The CINC will gain dominant situational awareness, improved sensor-to-shooter capability to conduct theater-wide counterfire and precision engagement against deep and time critical targets, and the ability, through automation, to coordinate and conduct real time, joint airspace deconfliction and air operations.

According to Surette, the key to this process is increasing the interoperability between theater level systems, which include the Army's Battle Command System and the Air Force's Theater Battle Management Core System.

Using software developed specifically for this purpose, the BCD combined information from five separate Army systems to create a



Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff (left) Maj. Gen. Gerald Perryman Jr., commander of the Aerospace Command and Control and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Center, Langley AFB, Va., and Maj. Tom French, Information Warfare Battlelab from Kelly AFB, Texas, discuss the Microglider at Nellis AFB, Nev.

“Common Operating Picture,” This information was shared with the Air Force to illustrate what’s happening on the battlefield, he said.

“The goal of this common operating picture is to give us as much information as we can gather, which in turn allows us to make the best decisions possible on the application of combat power in support of the Joint Force Commander’s objectives,” said Col. Ronnie

Rogers, 1st BCD commander.

“The ability to transmit this information in near real time to all the key systems, in every dimension of what’s become a very complicated battlefield is no easy task,” Rogers said. “We have to do everything possible to get all the information we can and provide it to everyone who might need it to get this very important job done.”

DoD travelers can soon access official travel charge accounts on the internet

By Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Service members and DoD employees traveling on official business soon will be able to call up their personal travel card accounts on the Internet.

The Electronic Account Government Ledger System, known as EAGLS, now gives DoD travelers Internet account access.

About 1,000 cardholders began testing the new program Sept. 1. Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials here say they hope to have DoD's 1.1 million cardholders on line in the next year.

When fully implemented, each cardholder will receive a password, an identification code and an instruction booklet, according to De Perrin, DoD Travel Card Program manager. Card holders will then be able to view charges, check payment status and obtain other account information on the PC-based point-and-click system, she said.

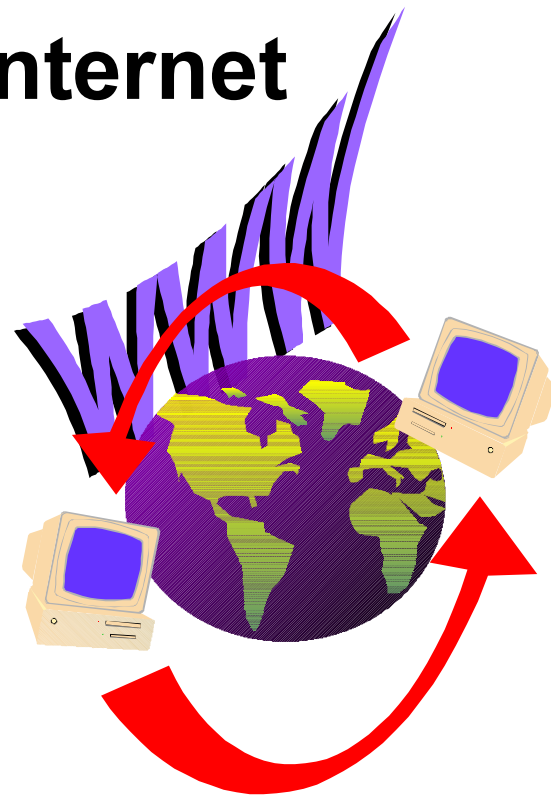
Until now, only agency program coordina-

tors had access to EAGLS data, said Myra Woods, Bank of America senior vice president for government card services. These include monthly reports detailing cardholders' account activities and spot readings allowing coordinators to see and assess their cardholders' charges within 24 hours of being incurred, she said.

DoD began issuing travel cards in 1983, first Diners Club and later American Express. In April 1999, NationsBank won the DoD contract to supply VISA cards. NationsBank recently merged with Bank of America, one of the largest banking companies in the country. The merge doesn't affect individual cardholders, Woods said.

Bank of America sent monthly statements in August notifying all DoD cardholders of the merger. Cardholders will also receive new legal disclosure statements. NationsBank cards are good until they expire, after which the bank will issue travelers Bank of America VISA cards.

DoD's switch from American Express to VISA gave DoD travelers more access to



worldwide services, Perrin said. VISA cards are a "much more highly recognizable piece of plastic," she said. "VISA works in Kosovo, for example. We just moved a large contingent in and

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“This has been a really great thing for big ticket items,” Perrin continued. “Hotels, rental cars, cash — they’re all paid directly for you at voucher settlement. It’s highly automated. It’s fast.” Cardholders also don’t have to worry about still being on the road when the bill arrives at home or about inadvertently missing payments.”

De Perrin, DoD Travel Card Program manager

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DoD travelers are responsible for using the VISA card to purchase only official travel-related services and for paying charges by the statement due date. Any other kind of charge is strictly prohibited, as is the use of the card by anyone other than the designated traveler.

Cardholders must ensure accounts have current addresses and other information. They must report a lost or stolen travel card by calling Bank of America customer service at 1-800-472-1424 immediately and their agency program coordinators at the first opportunity during normal business hours.

Bank and DoD finance officials monitor travelers’ accounts. If unauthorized charges are detected, agency program coordinators notify the cardholder’s immediate supervisor, who then contacts the person and determines if disciplinary action is required.

Perrin said 99 percent of DoD people travel correctly 99 percent of the time, but there are

lapses. Sometimes a traveler claims not to have known the rules, or a card falls into the wrong hands, she noted.

In some cases, cardholders have said they mistakenly used the DoD card instead of a personal charge card. When cardholders realize they’ve made such an error, they can call the bank’s customer service department for help.

Information and technical help for using the card and EAGLS is available on the Internet at <http://www.bankofamerica.com/government> and “The Cardholder Program Guide,” a booklet available from agency program coordinators, Perrin said.

Another feature of the travel card program allows travelers to authorize direct payment to Bank of America. Up to 12,000 DoD travelers a month use the “split disbursement” option. Block 1 on DD Form 1351 travel voucher allows travelers to authorize the amount of reimbursement paid directly to the bank by an electronic transfer.

“It’s convenient for our customers. Our cardholders don’t have to pay for that stamp and they don’t have to worry about mailing the bill,” Perrin said. “The government voucher then indicates the amount paid and the Bank of America statement indicates the amount received.

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Split disbursements, offered since 1994, Perrin said, are now available through most major disbursing systems. Some service members and DoD employees don’t have access, particularly those serving outside the continental United States or in the Marine Corps, she noted.

Reservist closes 30 year military chapter

Army Brig. Gen. Celia Adolphi, J-4 Deputy Director, Logistics Readiness Center (right), presents a cased flag to Army Reserve Col. John Starns, J-4 Sustainability, Mobilization and Plans Division, during his retirement ceremony Sept. 1.

The colonel also received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. Starns has served more than 30 years of commissioned service in various positions to include active duty combat tour in Vietnam, and the Indiana Army National Guard, and the Army Reserve. He has been assigned as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Joint Staff since 1989 and during his tenure he led the industrial base expansion and surge planning during the build-up for Desert Storm, and has been the industrial planner in J-4 for his entire tour which spans from the Panama invasion to the post Cold War period.

Starns' guests included his wife, Shawn Warner; and daughter Leah.



Photo by Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Giroux

Martin Luther King Elementary School

JS Tutoring program needs volunteers

By Tech. Sgt. Anne Proctor
Editor, J-Scope

A child needs you for one hour a week.

Chief Petty Officer Doug Wright, Joint Staff coordinator for the World Kids Tutoring/Mentoring Program, needs 20 volunteers for this year's program tentatively planned to start Oct. 12.

The program involves 25 students in grades 3 to 5 from Martin Luther King Elementary School in Washington D.C. Students are bussed to the Pentagon Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to meet with assigned Joint Staff tutors.

Anyone can be a tutor. "It's open to all services, officer, enlisted and civilians," said Wright, who has run the program for three years and is an administrative assistant for the Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Tutoring candidates fill out an information package and Wright then works with counselors to match strengths and preferences of the tutor with the student.

Students taking part in the program are rec-

ommended by counselors to basically need "one-on-one help," said Wright.

The school sends an assignment package and the tutor then helps the student. Though it's fairly cut and dried, Wright said tutors can recognize the student's needs almost immediately and are allowed to tailor the assignments. "Most of the children need help with reading and math. In fact, a lot of them can't read."

Besides tutoring, the program also involves mentoring. There's no set agenda to mentoring, just the ability to listen a lot and give a little advice, said Wright.

Sgt. 1st Class Teruse Roseman said she thinks the tutors get more out of the program than the children. "It's fun seeing the progress, how far they have come at the end of the year and that you had something to do with it."



Roseman, the administrative noncommissioned officer for the J-5 Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, said tutoring is a mood booster for her and she plans to return to the program this year. "I'm definitely coming back, without a doubt. It does brighten your day.

Interested tutors need to call Wright at 695-

J-5 Middle East expert recognized for achievements

Air Force Brig. Gen. Theodore W. Lay (right), J-5 Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs, Asia, Pacific, Middle East, presents the Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Lawrence Velte, J-5 Deputy Chief, Middle East Division, during a ceremony Sept. 1. Velte was recognized for his lead during 1998 in the development of Joint Staff policy recommendations and initiatives to support the U.S. interagency response to a series of confrontations with Iraq, nuclear weapons testing in South Asia, conflict mediation efforts between Ethiopia and Eritrea, as well as the development of future military strategies to protect vital interests of the United States in the Middle East region. He also served as a key advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on policy issues in the Central Command area of responsibility. Velte's guests included his wife, Joan.



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“It’s on the Internet” doesn’t make it so

By John D. Banusiewicz
Journalism Course Coordinator
Defense Information School

Some time after TWA Flight 800 went down off Long Island, N.Y., in July 1996, journalist Pierre Salinger damaged his credibility, perhaps irreparably, by claiming to have a “secret government document” that proved the U.S. Navy shot the airliner out of the sky. As it turned out, his document was nothing more than a letter, written by an airline pilot, that had been circulating freely on the Internet for months. Perhaps sensing his credibility could only be restored if his allegation proved to be true, Salinger apparently had no choice but to further embarrass himself by hooking up with a gang of professional conspiracy theorists to put together a “report” that was wholly refuted by the government and widely ridiculed for its shabbiness by professional news organizations.

No babe in the woods, Salinger was President Kennedy’s press secretary and worked for ABC News for many years thereafter. But if a heavy hitter like that can fall

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victim to believing something because he found it on the Internet, what about the relative neophytes who are military journalists? The World Wide Web can be a great research tool, but like any tool, it can be dangerous in the hands of someone who doesn’t know how to use it right.

Journalists being burned by using questionable source material without cross-checking it is nothing new. But the Internet makes it easier than ever for anyone to “publish” anything, so it has exponentially expanded the body of questionable source material that’s out there. It’s easy for a sloppy researcher or someone with an ax to grind to package bad information well, thus giving it the appearance of being credible. When we did most of our research using printed sources, source credibility was easier to establish because it was harder for purveyors of nonsense to reach the

mass market. That’s not the case any more.

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Of course, the best defense against getting bad information from the Web is to stick with sites you’d expect to be credible and to verify information you plan to use by visiting other credible sites or through more traditional means.

News briefs

Old Dominion offers IT program

The Old Dominion University information technology program is eligible for military tuition assistance. The program offers certificates for internet engineer, network administrator, programmer and system engineer. For more information, call (703) 614-9104.

Job fair, transition seminar

Corporate Gray Inc. hosts a job transition seminar "How to Work a Job Fair" Sept. 23, 7 p.m. at the Army, Navy Country Club, Arlington Va. The seminar is free and open to all services, ranks and spouses. To make reservations, call (703) 690-6381.

A job fair follows the seminar Sept. 24 at the Northern Virginia

Community College, Annandale with more than 85 companies.

For more information visit the Web site at www.greentogray.com

Air Force history symposium

The seventh annual Air Force Historical Foundation Symposium is Sept. 16 and 17, at Bolling Air Force Base. The theme is "Guidedposts for the U.S. Military in the 21st Century" and event will help active duty people, civilians, reservists, guardsmen, and reservists of all ranks to prepare to meet the military challenges of the new millennium by reviewing key lessons from the past. All captains, lieutenants and enlisted personnel who register in advance may attend the seminars free of charge if they are in uniform. Registration for all others is \$60 for members and \$75 for nonmembers.

For more details and register, call (301) 736-1959 or visit www.andrews.af.mil/tenants/historic.

Turkish earthquake relief

The National Capital Region First Sergeants' Council is accepting cash or check donations on behalf of the Turkish earthquake disaster relief to be forwarded to the American Red Cross. The donations will help get aid and supplies to Turkey. To donate, call Master Sgt. Bob Starkman at (202) 404-1467

Help break cycle of crime

Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources of Fairfax County, Inc., is looking for volunteers for the following services: one-on-one

mentoring with offenders; teaching offenders; assisting Hispanic offenders; outreach to families; working with child offenders; and serving on the fund-raising committee. Volunteer training is Sept. 24, 30, and Oct. 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration must be made by Sept. 15. For more information, call (703) 246-303.

Second career lecture offered

Retired Col. Jerry Crews, Deputy Director of the Officer Placement Service for the Retired Officers Association, presents "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career" Sept. 17, 8:30 to 11 a.m. in Room 5A1070. Military members, civilians and their spouses are invited to attend this free lecture. For more information, call Judy Bennett at (703) 838-0547.

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Farewell

Air Force Maj. Gen. John W. Brooks, J-4 Vice Director for Logistics (left), presents the Joint Staff Commendation Medal to Cryptologic Technician Administrative 3rd Class Gregory Hahn, J-4 Administrative Management Section, during an end-of-tour ceremony Aug 26. His guests included his wife, Jodie; and son, Tyler.

*DAI courtesy photo*

Farewell

Linda Cyr, Chief, J-2 Intelligence Directorate Administrative Support Staff (left), presents the Joint Service Commendation Medal to Army Staff Sgt. Traudlinde Pelletier, J-2 Administrative Support Staff, during an end-of-service ceremony Aug 18. Pelletier's guests included her husband, Allen Chew; daughter, Traudlinde; and son, Ryan.

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Spotlight



Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Eric Harrell

Name: Army Sgt. 1st Class Jackie Brown

Organization: Joint Staff Support Services Office

Duty title: Print Shop Supervisor

Time in service: 19 years

Hometown: Beaufort, S.C.

Family: Wife, Almeater; daughter, Syreeta; and son, Aaron

Hobbies: Collecting rhythm and blues, and pop music of the 1970s

Most embarrassing moment: On my first parachute jump I was stuck to the seat and couldn't get up, so I called the jump master to tell him about my problem and he said "Unbuckle your seat belt -- airborne!"

Favorite duty station: Heidelberg, Germany

Career Highlights: Camp manager, Slavonski Brod, Croatia, Operation Joint Endeavor

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Korean-American friendship celebration

Daniel DiZoglio, 8, heads for the water after his father hit the mark, sending him in the dunk tank Sept. 4. This arcade game was part of the many sights and sounds during Osan Air Base's Korean-American friendship celebration, Chin Mok '99. Hosted by the 51st Fighter Wing, this two-day event allowed local Korean and U.S. military communities to enjoy each other, live bands, food booths, and arcade games.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lance Cheung